Reply of Government.—Early steps will be taken to enquire into the matter and remedy the defects brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 169.

Removal of lighting tax levied on temples, *chattrams* and mosques.

Mr. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to the Municipal Regulation, the water tax is remitted in the case of temples, chattrams and mosques. Electric light tax may also be excused.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(*Nos. 170 to 188*).

SUBJECT No. 170.

The Mysore Civil Service.

Mr. P. Venkappaiya, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The successful candidates of the Mysore Civil Service Examination are appointed as Assistant Commissioners to start with, without regard to their experience in public service, capacity and aptitude for work. There are several graduate and double graduate Amildars who are quite as competent to be Assistant Commissioners as any civilian. Most of them are kept in the back ground. The case of these officers is really pitiable. It is therefore prayed that the present rules may be modified so as to give competent and efficient Amildars a greater chance of being appointed Assistant Commissioners.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Privileges to the Representative Assembly.

(*a*) & (*b*) Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

(*c*) Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The right of interpellation may be kindly re-affirmed.

(*b*) The Deputy Commissioners may be asked to hold quarterly meetings of the Representative Assembly members of their district for discussion of local subjects. Adequate reports of the proceedings of such meetings should be submitted to Government and published with their orders.

(*c*) The privilege of budget discussion should be given to the members of this Assembly.

(*a*) *Mr. Venkatesiah.*—The subject was raised as some doubt was caused owing to an objection to a representation of last year which was interrogative in form.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao.—The Representative Assembly has already a right of interpellation and the existing practice in this respect needs no alteration.

(*b*) *Mr. Venkatesiah.*—If local subjects could be discussed in districts thoroughly, there would be no need for so many local subjects.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao.—Local subjects must be brought up for discussion in the Assembly as otherwise it will not be possible to have sufficient attention bestowed on them.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.—Important subjects even though local should be brought up at the Assembly.

(*c*) *Mr. Srinivasa Rao.*—Representative Assembly members will be able to take part in the discussion of the Budget estimates within a few years, even when the matters involved are intricate. Whatever powers may be granted to non-officials must first be granted to the Assembly.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 172.

Grant of railway concession to Representative Assembly Members.

Mr. Lingappa, Chitaldrug municipality.

Withdrawn as the concession has been given.

SUBJECT No. 173.

An additional sitting of the Representative Assembly.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk and Agali Venkataramiah, Sira taluk.

Summary of discussion.—On the unanimous opinion expressed by the members of the Representative Assembly to the effect that the second meeting of the Representative Assembly in every year six months after the Dasara should be held either at Bangalore or at Mysore, the Government promised that the proposal would receive due consideration. It is again prayed that the above proposal be sanctioned.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—Such meetings have a great educative effect on the people. For a second session no *batta* or fare need be paid.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 174.

Reduction and classification of Representative Assembly subjects.

(1) Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk,

(2) Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk, and

(3) Mr. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

Summary of discussion.—The increase in the number of subjects brought up for discussion in the Representative Assembly is due to increase in the difficulties of the people and to lack of prompt redress from officers. Restricting the number of subjects to 75 for the Bangalore and Mysore districts and 50 for the other districts is restricting the privileges granted to the people by those who established the Assembly. The restriction tends to stultify proper representation and detracts from the character of the Assembly as a training ground to the people.

It is therefore prayed that either the restriction be removed, or if it is feared that it would take a very long time to go through a large number of subjects, a second session of the Assembly may be convened instead of a single continuous long session.

2. It is requested that the number of Representative Assembly subjects be not restricted as has now been done and that subjects may not be classified by